

Falls City we went to Hamlin, Kan. where Bible meetings were begun on the 14th. While the attendance was not large at the day meetings, we found souls here who were consecrated and deeply interested in the advancement of the cause. The evening meetings were well attended. The Hamlin church has no pastor. But here is a good field for an earnest consecrated pastor. The members will stand by a pastor who enters the work with spirit. We found them zealous for the cause. They are looking for a pastor, and it is to be hoped the Lord may soon send them a consecrated leader. Bro. McFaden has been pastor of this charge since it was founded, I believe until last spring. The congregation has grown and prospered. The contributions of this congregation at this meeting were something more than \$75 which was good considering they have no pastor to advertise the work and keep it before them. I predict that we shall yet hear from Hamlin in the missionary work. From Hamlin we went to Pony Creek church, and begun meetings on the morning of the 21st. in this congregation. A goodly number was in attendance at every session, and interest increased to the close. I was permitted to stay with them only till the evening of the 23rd, thru Brethren Ditch, Bauman, and Samuel Lichty and others continued over Sunday and closed with a communion. We were glad to find brother E. L. Yoder who has been sick, very much improved in health. Our stay, and work in this church was pleasant, and we trust mutually profitable. The contributions from the Pony Creek congregation, were over a \$100 for the missions.

Did space permit, I should like to mention some of the many by name whose hospitality and companionship I enjoyed while I was with the above named churches. Brother Ditch, Brother Bauman, pastors of the Falls City and Pony Creek churches, were in attendance at all the meetings and gave excellent addresses on the several subject assigned them. Brother Samuel Lichty, member of the General Missionary Board from Kanemorado District, was in attendance at the meetings and evidenced his zeal by his earnest, studied addresses, and successful pleas for support for the Missions. At Hamlin, Kan we enjoyed the hospitality of Brother Berkley, who is one of the Charter members of the progressive movement, and whose family with himself are to be found constantly in the front in all the church's undertakings. Brother Ditch is doing efficient work in the Falls City church. Brother Bauman has done commendable work in the Pony Creek church, since he has been pastor there, the attendance at the meetings, from the first session bore evidence of the zealous interest in missions felt by the members.

Arriving home, I found all going well, the members proved themselves efficient workers, and all the services had been well kept up, with good interest in my absence. We have some workers here whose zeal and consecra-

tion is indeed worthy of praise and emulation. The workmen had pushed the renovating, and painting on the church house well on to completion, and now soon we will be holding services in our own building. Praise the Lord. This is something we have longed for and now it seems that we are to have our prayers answered. We have here a property that is equal to any I know of in the brotherhood, and at a cost to us, that is an amazement to all who have seen it. Just this week a man prominent in another denomination, called and saw me working in the church. Looking over the building and parsonage and grounds he asked what we had to pay? When I told him, he said, How did you come to get it at that price? Why said he, you couldn't put up the church building for that money. We hope to be able to dedicate it on the 17th inst if all goes well. Tho it may be a week later. It will have cost us something like a hundred and sixty dollars or seventy dollars to paint it, and put it in excellent condition for occupancy, which will be indeed cheap. Our brethren who were here when the property was purchased, thought it would cost me more than that, but I think not. Now Brethren let us all to the need of the hour, and pay for this property and we will have taken a step that will put the work in this city well on the way to take care of itself. So far I believe there has been but little sent in, and two months are now past. Remit to brother Cassel, 915 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. When we get into our new church we will wish to welcome all friends of the work, and we know you will be more than pleased to feel that you have had a hand in planting the Brethren church in Chicago, the great metropolis of the country. Our Sunday School is growing and many are promising to attend when we get in the church. I have yet to meet the first one who did not think we did a good thing in purchasing property here, and many have expressed themselves in the strongest terms of approval. Pray for us. More next week.

J. O. TALLEY.

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Report of Chicago Church Fund

Receipts previously reported,	\$451 01
Sofia Rife, Warsaw, Ind.,	1 00
Emma Wingard, Flora, Ind.,	2 00
Mrs L. L. Tombaugh, Washington, Pa.,	1 00
Mrs. Rebecca Heft, Shideler, Ind.,	5 00
Brethren Sunday School, Gretna, Ohio,	5 00
N C Nielson, Herrington, Kan.,	5 00
Mrs. Minnie Miller, Brooklyn, Iowa,	10 00
Henry and Sarah C Rinehart, Flora, Ind.,	10 00
Miss Edna Kelsey, Twelve Mile, Ind.,	5 00

\$495 01

I again remind the pastors to look forward to the rally day Nov 24th or Thanksgiving day and send reports to the secretary immediately following so he may know how much money to expect.

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The utility of life is not in its extent; it is in the employment of it. A man may live long and live little.—Montaigne.

Among the Churches

Lanark, Ill.

Our fall communion was set for Friday evening, October 25. We had two preparatory preaching services before the love feast, one on Wednesday evening by the pastor and one on Thursday evening by Brother Teeter from Milledgeville. Brother Teeter remained for the communion services on Friday evening and rendered acceptable service on both occasions. There was a good turn out from our sister church, Milledgeville, twelve being present from there. The evening was delightful and our own attendance was good. There were ninety-eight communicants present. A few of the members in town did not know of the love feast until it was over. We thought we were doing our best to see that all knew about the communion, but we failed partly at least. Next time we will put forth more extra effort, so that all shall know about this helpful service. Could not the membership assist in this work? Well, the meeting was a most excellent one. The Holy Spirit seemed to be present and hallowed the services. Many expressed favorable comments about the meeting.

We are getting into working order and hope to be able to report good news from this section. We are seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and his influence is felt. We rejoice so much at his presence, because the enemy has been manifest so often before. May the Lord bless the cause of the dear Master.

Z. T. LIVINGOOD.

Hagerstown, Md.

It was my privilege to spend nearly four weeks in the beautiful "Valley of Virginia" recently, and to enjoy the kind and open-hearted hospitality for which the people in that whole region are famous. The natural beauties of the Shenandoah Valley have been so often talked of and written about, that it would be unnecessary, even if it were possible, to describe them here. It was not my first visit to "The Valley," but it was, in many particulars, the most satisfactory and delightful. In the first place, nature was at her best; it was the golden autumn. The apple orchards—for which the valley is becoming justly famous—were literally burdened by their load of perfect, richly colored fruit, and the mountain slopes were gorgeous in colors.

From the top of Massanuttin Peak—to which I climbed in company with Brother Hedrick with infinite labor and frequent stops for rest; I enjoyed one of the most magnificent prospects it has ever been my good fortune to view. The peak marks the southern termination of the Massanuttin mountain—a ridge—extending north and south a distance of seventy miles. Compared with other mountain peaks, it is not high being perhaps no more than 1500 feet above the surrounding country; but its apparent height is emphasized by the fact that it rises directly out of the level valley. To the south the valley stretches away miles and miles—a never ending panorama of tilled fields and woods and farm houses, with here and there a village or town. The course of the river I could make out by the trees which fringed its banks, and I watched a rail-road train till it became a little black line like a worm which seemed to crawl along with the speed of a snail till at last it faded out altogether in an indistinct blue on the horizon. Closer at hand, and almost underneath the overhanging mountain, velvety patches of bright green—the early sown wheat fields—and brown rows of shocked corn, showed how fertile the soil is. To the east and the west the mountain walls which hem in the valley appear as an indistinct blue line, while southward the Massanuttin range divides the broad valley into two narrower parallel ones. Whatever the views might be like at any other season of the year, it is wonderfully beautiful under an October sun, and I feel well repaid for the long hard climbing. But I did not go to Virginia